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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN STEELVILLE TELEPHONE CASE

Jefferson City (August 15, 2003)---The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel and Steelville Telephone Exchange, Incorporated have filed an agreement for Commission consideration which calls for the telephone company to reduce its annual revenues by approximately \$330,440. The agreement is the result of a PSC Staff investigation into the earnings of Steelville Telephone Exchange, Incorporated.

The Commission has established the deadline for those wishing to intervene and participate in this case. Applications should be filed on or before **August 26, 2003,** with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360. Copies of the application should be sent to: W.R. England III, Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The agreement calls for a reduction in the switched access rates charged by Steelville Telephone Exchange, Incorporated to long-distance carriers. Switched access rates refer to the rates Steelville Telephone Exchange, Incorporated charges long-distance carriers for accessing the Steelville system to carry a long distance call. The agreement also calls for a reduction in charges for 9-1-1 related services.

Steelville Telephone Exchange, Incorporated provides service to approximately 4,900 access lines around Steelville, Missouri.

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